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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (currently amended) A blood-collecting device for newborn babies and infants, the device comprising:
- a cannula extending along an axis and having at one axial end a blood inlet and at an opposite axial end a blood outlet;
 - a <u>one-piece</u> bow-shaped bridge element having a front end in which the cannula is fixed and a rear end <u>through which the axis</u> passes and defining with the front end a free space, the cannula outlet being exposed between the front and rear ends in the free space and the inlet being outside the free space; and
- a grip part centered on the axis and fixed on the rear end of the bridge element rearward of the rear end and outside the free space.

2. (canceled)

- 3. (previously presented) The device defined in claim 1 wherein the bridge element is C-shaped.
 - 4. (canceled).
- 5. (new) The device defined in claim 1 wherein the handle has an outer surface substantially symmetrical to the axis.